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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Basol et al.  
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For : PLANARITY DETECTION  
METHODS AND APPARATUS  
FOR ELECTROCHEMICAL  
MECHANICAL PROCESSING  
SYSTEMS  
Examiner : R. Culbert  
Group Art Unit : 1763

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 25, 2004, please amend the above-captioned application as set forth herein. A two-month extension of time is hereby requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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